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Dear Allen:

When I sent you advance notice by telegram of the proposed Princeton meeting on a World Economic Plan, I promised a more detailed explanation of the proposal.

The attached copy of a recent memorandum from me to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles presents the idea in what I hope will be sufficient detail.

I would like to add two points.

The first is that although I have talked about the idea to a sufficient number of people in the Government, including the President, to ascertain their general interest and their belief in the value of such a meeting, this is in no sense a Government project. It is strictly private, off the record, and on my own initiative. Later, if something of value does emerge, we can then decide how to present it to Government.

The second is that it would be naif to assume that a group of men, no matter how brilliant, could be expected to develop a plan for world salvation over one weekend.

However, from past experience I have observed the real effectiveness of this kind of human communication. The circulation of 50-page memoranda for the consideration and comments of friends is never a substitute for human beings getting together and stimulating each other's ideas. If we can generate a sufficient number of sparks at such a meeting, then the ensuing pieces of paper will have meaning and vitality.

This, then, is a formal invitation to you to join with about twenty other men of highest caliber for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, New Jersey, to discuss a World Economic Plan.

Rooms have been reserved at the Princeton Inn beginning Friday evening, May 14, if you want to arrive the day before. The meeting itself will convene at 10:30 Saturday morning.



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Will you let me or my secretary, Miss Marie McCrum, know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend. Both of us can be reached here at Time Inc. - telephone JUdson 6-1212. If you need additional information, please telephone me.

I apologize for this short notice, but between leaving Government in April and having to go to Europe for Time Inc. toward the end of May, there was not much elbow room. I hope that the potential value of the idea will make up for the inconvenience and rush.

With the earnest hope that you will be with us, and with best personal regards,

Sincerely,

C. D. Jackson

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